

East Lyme Board of Education  
**East Lyme Elementary Schools Design Steering Committee Meeting**

November 12, 2014

4:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dr. James Lombardo, Dr. Him Hagen, John Arnold, Candice Carlson, Melissa DeLoreto, Gil Gallant, Don Meltabarger, Dr. David Miko, Ray O'Connor, Dr. Whritner, Al Jacunski from Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC

**Members Absent:** Linda Anania, Rob Kupis, John Rhodes

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room

**Preparation for Board of Education Presentation**

**Distribution of Material:** Dr. Tim Hagen distributed a draft PowerPoint presentation that will be presented to the Board of Education on November 17, 2014 and the updated NESDEC report dated November 5, 2014. Al Jacunski distributed and reviewed the updated site plans for Flanders New, Lillie B. Haynes Proposed Conditions, and Niantic Center School Proposed Conditions Option 1 and Option 2.

**Security, Safety, and Bus Routes:** Dr. Lombardo reported that Chris Olsen and the Town Police looked at security and safety issues for each site and that all three locations can remain safe and secure. The Niantic Center site is more secure than the Lillie B. Haynes site due to the location of the building and it acting as a buffer. Additional busses would not be needed if the two site option is selected. The majority of the bus route times would be reduced with a few routes being minimally increased.

**NESDEC Report:** Dr. Hagen reviewed the updated NESDEC report which indicates that K-4 student enrollment will decrease and remain below 800 for the foreseeable future.

**Committee Vote:** Of the 10 members present, the majority voted for the two school option with Niantic Center and Flanders School being the site locations. One member voted for a two school option but would like more information before deciding on the actual site locations, and one member voted for a three school option. Topics of discussion included:

- If Lillie B. Haynes is returned to the Town, we need assurance that some classroom space would be maintained for such programs as LEARN, Creative Playschool, Transition Program, future preschool classes, etc.
- A three school option would continue the small community school experience which provides excellent education for students.
- The cost to the Town for a two school option is \$63 million versus \$80 million for a three school option.
- A professional traffic analysis for the Niantic Center School site was suggested. Al Jacunski noted that the State will not provide a traffic analysis unless the location has over 200 parking spaces or requires a curb cut.
- We can support and maintain equity with two schools easier than three schools.
- There is a significant cost savings to Town if they use Lillie B. Haynes for offices, senior citizen space, etc.

**Board of Education Presentation:** The draft Board of Education presentation was reviewed for suggested revisions and additions.

**Possible Space Standard Waiver:** Al Jacunski will check with the State on the possibility of a space standard waiver for reimbursement on the entire building project which has been granted to a couple of other districts in Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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BOE Chair

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